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SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1901.

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BLOCK WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

An Unknown Force in Philadelphia Blows Six Buildings to Pieces.

THIRTY-FIVE ARE KILLED

Many Others Seriously Injured—The Exact Number of the Dead Cannot Be Determined for Many Hours Hence—The Ruins Become Ignited and Burned Fiercely Many Unfortunate Victims Undoubtedly Roasted in the Burning Ruins.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—A terrific explosion in a block of six buildings on Lehigh street, above Tenth, tonight completely wrecked five of the structures and caused the death of from ten to twenty persons. Over two hundred others were more or less seriously injured. Some of those taken to the hospital will die. It is estimated that at least thirty-five persons were in the five buildings when the explosion occurred, and the exact number of dead will probably not be known for twenty-four hours.

The buildings were occupied as follows: Lehigh street, No. 1008, Housman's pool and billiard rooms; occupied by Housman, clerk and secretary; occupied by Rosenthal, his wife and five children; 1012, William Jones, colored, restaurant, occupied by Jones and about fifteen boarders; 1014, George McHenry's grocery store, occupied by McHenry, clerk and secretary; occupied by Quigley, his wife, three children and his uncle; 1018, Albert Mountain's grocery and meat store, occupied by Mountain, mother, sister and children.

The explosion occurred about 9:30 o'clock. What exploded and how it happened is not known at this time, but it is believed to have been a barrel of gasoline in one of the three stores. With the explosion, the front walls of the buildings were blown outward into the street, while the floors and the roofs were blown upward and fell straight to the ground. Almost every building in a radius of two blocks about the scene of the explosion, the window panes shattered and were otherwise damaged. Every building on the opposite side of Lehigh street was more or less wrecked, but none of them fell.

Cries of the Victims.

A terrific cry went up from the ruins the moment the explosion occurred. Women, children and men, occupants of the wrecked house, could be seen crawling from the debris, while the agonizing cries of others were heard in the wreckage. From all the surrounding buildings, the cries of the victims, and the cries of the street, were heard. To add to the horror, the fire broke out in the wreckage the moment it settled to the ground and in less than five minutes the great pile was burning fiercely from end to end. A general alarm was sounded in the neighborhood and ambulances, and in the meantime the work of rescue was voluntarily begun by those in the neighborhood that were not injured. Here and there a person was dragged from the ruins before the fire could reach him, several lives being saved by this prompt work. When the firemen reached the scene the flames had reached great height and were lighting the buildings across the street. The fire, however, was soon under control and with the exception of a small blaze here and there, the fire was extinguished in a few minutes. The work of digging away the ruins was then begun and the bodies of the victims were removed and sent to the hospitals. While the firemen and police were digging into the debris and hauling away heavy timbers in several sections of the wreckage, cries of agony were heard from the cellar of Mountain's grocery store. Fifty men, with ropes and tackle, were immediately put to work at that point and pulled away the roof and burning, which had fallen in a massed heap. At the bottom of the pile, a man was taken, who was apparently dead, but the man was able to speak, but the woman was apparently dead.

Hospitals Crowded.

While the work of rescue was going on in the exploded block, hospital attendants and others made a search of all the damaged houses on the opposite side of the street, and almost a score of persons were taken to various hospitals from these places. The Jefferson and the Pennsylvania hospitals, which are located nearest to the scene of the explosion, were soon crowded with the injured. None of those at the hospital have died. Two hundred men are now at work clearing away the wreckage. The buildings containing the pool rooms, clothing store and the restaurant were three-story brick structures, while the other three buildings were two and one-half stories.

Terrible Suffering.

At 1:30 a. m., the only known deaths at those at the hospital—out of an unknown colored woman and a two-year-old colored child. At the Pennsylvania hospital, five of the patients will, it is thought, die before morning. These are two colored women, one colored man and two colored children. These unfortunate are so badly injured and undergoing such severe suffering that their names could not be obtained. Others at the various hospitals will also die. Among these are Samuel Gale, aged 40, (white), and his daughter, Florence Gale, aged 20. Both are badly burned, in addition to other injuries. Of the Rosenthal family, Minnie, aged 12, was taken from the ruins, seriously injured and will die.

GREAT STRIKE MAY NOT OCCUR

A Faint Glimmer of Hope That the Steel Workers Differences May Be Settled.

MR. SHAFFER'S POSITION

He Will Pursue the Same Policy in Ordering a Strike as He Did in Ordering Out Men in Tin Plate Mills—McKeesport Promises to Be a Trouble Center—Sentinels Guard Mills—Many Men at Work.

Pittsburg, Aug. 5.—Just a faint glimmer of hope that the great steel strike will be settled was embodied in a statement given out by President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated association, tonight. When asked if he would pursue the same policy in ordering a strike in the mills of the Federal Steel, the National Steel and the National Tube companies, as he did in calling out the men in the mills of the American Tin Plate company, he replied: "If it had not been for this determination on my part, the general strike would have been ordered on Saturday night."

MAGGOTS IN THE MEAT.

Basis of Charges That Poor and Insufficient Food Has Been Supplied the Trenton Hospital for Insane.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 5.—The investigation of the Trenton hospital for the insane, which was commenced today, Governor Voorhees, upon invitation of the investigating committee, was present. Warden Hayes was represented by counsel, who also the insufficient food supply at the state hospital for the insane was commenced today. Governor Voorhees, upon invitation of the investigating committee, was present. Warden Hayes was represented by counsel, who also the insufficient food supply at the state hospital for the insane was commenced today.

Possibility of a Settlement.

The possibility of a settlement of the strike is based on the fact that the officials of the three additional companies will bring to bear sufficient influence to urge an adjustment of the difficulties before the strike order is issued. President Shaffer did not express any hope that this would be done, nor did he even discuss the matter, but the inference was quickly seen that there was such a probability in sight. It is a faint one, though, and but little interest was taken in it in the general offices of the association. When President Shaffer and the other national officers of the association got down to business this morning they found hundreds of letters and telegrams awaiting them. The burden of work before them was so great that they were forced to close the doors of the offices and keep out all callers. Assistant Secretary M. F. Tighe explained the situation to all who came that the work was of too serious a character to be neglected or passed over lightly. Time, care and thought must be given to every action, and for this reason the officers wanted quiet. At noon President Shaffer came out and made an announcement to the reporters about that there was little to be given to them.

Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, Aug. 5.—Charters were issued at the state department today as follows: Pennsylvania Edison company, Harrisburg, capital, \$2,000,000; Chesapeake Coal company, New Castle, capital, \$250,000; The Bakerton Coal company, Bakerton, capital, \$100,000; The Housatonic coal company, Allegheny City, capital, \$500,000; Baker's Water company, Bakerton, capital, \$100,000; St. Mary's Electric company, St. Mary's, capital, \$50,000; Park Improvement company, Lancaster, capital, \$60,000; The Housatonic coal company, Allegheny City, capital, \$100,000; The Housatonic coal company, Allegheny City, capital, \$100,000; The Housatonic coal company, Allegheny City, capital, \$100,000.

Reduction at Drifton Shops.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 5.—Contrary to general expectations the three hundred strikers at the Drifton shops, in the mountains of West Virginia, are today to continue the fight, as President Stearns, with whom a conference was held, agreed to reinstate only half the men. He told the strikers that the company had decided to have most of its work done there, hence the necessity of a reduction in the force.

Postoffices Advanced.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Branch post offices were advanced to the third class, 2,512 from 2,000 last year.

Pensions Granted.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Christian Trefler, of Pittsburg, has been granted a pension of \$10 a month.

THE EMPRESS PASSES AWAY

Mother of Emperor William, of Germany, Expires Suddenly at Cronberg.

END CAME UNEXPECTEDLY

Emperor William and All Her Other Children, with the Exception of Prince Henry, Were in the Room Most of the Day—King Edward Officially Notified—Will Start for Berlin Tomorrow.

Cronberg, Aug. 5.—Empress Frederick died at 6:15 p. m. The death of the dowager empress was somewhat sudden. At 4 o'clock her physician reported no change in her condition. Emperor William and her majesty's other children and the Empress Augusta Victoria were in the sick room most of the day. They were all around the bedside when the dowager empress passed away quietly. Professors Reimers and Spidhagen were also in the room. The flag on the castle was immediately half-masted.

AN IDLE M'LL STARTED.

McKeesport Promises to Be the Trouble Center for a Time. The strike history of the day in Pittsburg itself is not prolific of results; considerable, however, was doing in McKeesport. In this city, all the idle mills are in the same condition as before the failure of the conference to settle the strike, and no apparent move is being made by the manufacturers to start the mills, consequently there has been no break in the strike's rank here.

King Edward Notified.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 5.—King Edward received the official news of the death of the dowager empress Frederick on board the royal yacht, almost simultaneously with the receipt of the Associated Press dispatch in London. The yacht's flag was immediately half-masted. King Edward and Queen Alexandra will leave here for Marlborough house tomorrow. It is not likely that they will start for Berlin until Wednesday.

Sketch of Her Life.

Victoria, Adelaide, Mary Louisa, Dowager Empress of Germany, the eldest child of the late Queen Victoria of England, was born in Buckingham Palace on Nov. 21, 1840. Her christening was conducted with full pomp and ceremony of the court in the throne room of Buckingham Palace on Feb. 10, 1841. A gold font of elegant design and embellished with splendid carvings was made especially for the occasion by skilled artists. The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated, using water brought from the River Jordan. Assisting him were the catholarchs of London and Norwich and the Dean of Carlisle. The sponsors were the Duke of Wellington, who appeared for the Duke of Saxo-Coburg and Gotha; the queen dowager, the Duchess of Gloucester, the Duchess of Kent, the King of the Belgians and the Duke of Sussex. One of the queen's oldest and most trusted ladies-in-waiting used to say that the nursery gave the sovereign more anxiety than the government of the British empire. That care was especially necessary in the case of the princess royal, who was sickly and delicate in her infancy—quite different from King Edward VII, who was sturdy and hearty from his birth. The princess royal was a difficult child to control, and being high-spirited, clever and quick at repartee, used to keep her mother and the queen very busy with her daring speeches. Being sent to bed in the daytime was a punishment frequently meted out to her.

MORGAN IS SILENT.

New York, Aug. 5.—J. Pierpont Morgan was at his office this afternoon. He declined to be interviewed on the steel strike. His partner, Robert Bacon, was asked whether the United States Steel corporation would define its present position in the strike in either explanation or denial of the statements made by the labor leaders on Saturday. He answered that he thought they would not.

GAS EXPLOSION AT PITTSBURG.

Six Workmen at Stoven's Mine Are Badly Burned. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittsburg, Aug. 5.—A serious explosion of gas took place at the Stevens mine, at West Pittsburg, about 2:50 o'clock this afternoon, by which six workmen were burned, one of them it is feared quite seriously.

The Marriage.

The crown prince of Germany and Princess Victoria were married in the historic chapel of the palace of St. James on January 25, 1858. The wedding was remarkable for the display of costumes, the nervousness of the crown prince, the British simplicity of the princess. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh attended in Highland costume, conspicuous among the peers present was the Duke of Athol, who wore the full costume of his clan—tartan and phibbing, claymore and head's plume. Lord Talmont distinguished himself by wearing the extraordinary uniform of an elder brother of the Trinity house.

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By the Red D. liner Philadelphia, which arrived here today from Venezuela, Agent Guerra received a budget of information in the form of reports, photographs and letters from the scene of hostilities. These stated that General Benjamin Hoelzer, who is attacking from the Pacific side, is at present operating in the department of Cane; General Arzulla, who is advancing from the Atlantic, is in the department of Santafé, and in the possession of Guana City; General A. Castillo and Colonel Castillo have effected a junction of Magdalena, and General Marin has fought an important battle at Jirardot, in the department of Cundinamarca, which is in the interior of the country about one hundred miles from Bogotá, the capital of Colombia.

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